

CAPE GEORGE COLONY CLUB

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Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Authorization

I agree to operate my personal watercraft* in a safe and responsible manner and understand the following conditions:

- Cape George Colony Club’s permission to use Club common property to launch or land an individual’s personal watercraft may be revoked if the vessel is operated in a manner contrary to the Club’s common interests. (Note the concerns listed below.)
- The Club Board of Trustees has authorized the Harbormaster and the Club Manager to permit or deny this use of Club common property at their discretion.

Member’s Name (print):

Member’s Signature:

Date:

Approving Authority (Harbormaster or Manager):

Date:

Listed below are some of the concerns Club members expressed when debating whether or not to permit the use of Club facilities for launching or landing personal watercraft:

- Personal watercraft is often used as nondestination vehicles that operate for long, continuous periods of time close to shore.
- Noise from personal watercraft has a cumulative effect when more than one at a time is operating in close proximity. This noise may be heard throughout the community and become offensive to Club members.
- Use of personal watercraft can be disruptive to the nesting, feeding, and reproductive success of shorebirds and can disrupt the normal rest, reproductive, and social interactions of marine mammals
- Local marine life may not be able to react quickly enough to avoid injury by personal watercraft operated at high speed.

* A "personal watercraft" denotes any "vessel of less than sixteen (16) feet in length that is propelled by machinery, commonly a jet pump, and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel, rather than operated by a person sitting or standing inside the vessel."